

Senate Resolution 1472

By: Senator Butterworth of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. John Solesbee on the occasion of his retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. John Solesbee has long been recognized for his leadership and journalistic
4 integrity; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Hall County, Georgia, Mr. Solesbee graduated from North Hall High
6 School, Gainesville Junior College, and Piedmont College; and

7 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the Georgia
8 National Guard, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, during his distinguished career in journalism, Mr. Solesbee worked for the
10 *Forsyth County News*, Truett McConnell College, the *Gainesville Tribune*, *Winder News*, the
11 *Gwinnett Daily News*, and *The Northeast Georgian*; and

12 WHEREAS, since 1988, Mr. Solesbee has diligently and conscientiously devoted his time,
13 talents, and energy as publisher of the *Northeast Georgian* and regional publisher for
14 Community Newspapers, Inc., at *White County News*, *Dahlonega Nugget*, *Dawsonville*
15 *Advertiser and News*, and the *Clayton Tribune*; and

16 WHEREAS, this talented reporter, editor, photographer, and publisher stands as the gold
17 standard of community journalists; and

18 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Solesbee has served as chairman of the Habersham
19 Chamber of Commerce and a board member of the United Way, Gainesville College
20 Foundation, and North Georgia Community Foundation; and

21 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his keen sense of vision,
22 and his incredible writing abilities have earned him the respect and admiration of his
23 colleagues and associates; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend Mr. John Solesbee for his incredible career in journalism, congratulate him upon
28 the grand occasion of his retirement, and extend to him sincere best wishes for a happy and
29 healthy future.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. John Solesbee.